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Dear Helen:

I was traveling in Israel and Europe when your letter of October 11th arrived at Stanford, and through some great good luck it was forwarded directly to me while I was at Pavia; otherwise I would not have identified Jayakar as having any particular interest in the project of reprinting Haldane's popular writings. I did, however, then learn from him that he was already well under way in a very similar program and was very happy to be able to offer any assistance that I could give to his own principal effort in such a direction. I am expecting to hear from him and in fact a formal note from him is a little bit overdue at the present time, but not sufficiently to give me any alarm about the stability of the arrangements we had reached.

At the time you wrote, I was planning to go to the Tokyo congress, but I have unfortunately had to rescind that plan for what are essentially personal reasons. I certainly would like to have the chance to visit you in India sometime, but it will have to be on some other, perhaps less stressful, occasion.

It was a real pleasure to resume correspondence with you and I will keep in mind your interest in keeping in touch with scientific workers who may be able to send you reprints which would be of interest to you.

I don't recall whether I had already sent you this column on parthenogenesis. It was a disappointment to go back to that paper of Balfour-Lynn and see the very incomplete work-up that that promising case did receive. I would be very much happier if a discrepancy in some one of the blood groups whose inheritance is well defined were used as the basis for projecting the hypothesis of parthenogenesis rather than the mere finding of graft incompatibility. One can dream up quite a number of

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moderately plausible excuses for a heterozygote to reject a homozygous graft,

Sincerely,

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